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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time extending to May 14, 2005, the period for response to the final Office Action dated December 14, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$450 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper is attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

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